



HARLAN J. BUSHFIELD  
GOVERNOR

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Office of The Governor  
Pierre

PROCLAMATION

The United States is a great democracy and under our system of free enterprise, many great and good men have developed and are listed among the immortals. Among great Americans the name of Thomas Alva Edison ranks high. The beneficent effect of his work is enjoyed by all civilized peoples. Enterprises have arisen because of his discoveries and inventions and have created great markets for commodities, but more important, many jobs have been created. His contributions to industry have done much to make this nation the leader of the world, particularly in the harnessing of electric energy. His contributions to human happiness are manifest. This is an era when the lives of great Americans should be stressed and we are happy to honor this man among the great of all times.

Now, therefore, I, Harlan J. Bushfield, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 11, 1939, the anniversary of his birth, as Thomas Alva Edison Day and urge that everyone living in South Dakota give serious thought to the life and accomplishment of this American and that he renew his efforts to study and work for the continued advancement of our people.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be hereto affixed.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Pierre, this 8th day of February, 1939.

Attest: *Olive A. Ringrud*  
Secretary of State

*Harlan J. Bushfield*  
Governor

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